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Snow much fun at Snowman Lane



Paul Brian Western Review

It was an evening of fun and Christmas cheer as Drayton Valley residents came down to 43 Street to look at all the brightly-decorated houses and snowmen, part of this year's 25th annual Snowman Lane celebrations. There was also hot chocolate, doughnuts and a singalong, while two bonfires crackled and a pair of friendly snowmen led sightseers down the magical snowy lane. Santa Claus stopped by as well, to hand out treats to the youngsters and chat about what they want for Christmas.

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news



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Town councillors Nancy McGuire, Dean Shular, Mayor Glenn McLean, Care by Mere Ltd. owner Marilyn Gardiner, town councillors Deb Bossert, Fayrell Wheeler and Nicole Nadeau cut the ribbon to celebrate acquisition of a new bus that will serve local residents with mobility challenges Nov. 29 outside the 55+ Seniors Centre in Drayton Valley.

New specialized service unveiled

Paul Brian
Western Review

It's been a long time coming, but Drayton Valley now has a bus especially geared to serve seniors and those with mobility challenges.

Nov. 29 at the 55+ Centre, members of Drayton Valley Town Council led by Mayor Glenn McLean, along with Care by Mere Ltd. owner and driver Marilyn Gardiner announced the opening of a new bus service for local residents who have trouble with mobility.

"It's not just for seniors, it's for anyone with mobility issues," explained Annette Driesen, director of community services with the Town of Drayton Valley.

The new bus, a 2012 Ford vehicle brought in by Drayton Valley Ford, is equipped with a fold-down wheelchair ramp and has room for one wheelchair user and four non-wheelchair users.

"One of the most important

elements in a community, in our community, is the ability to get out and about and be part of life in the community," McLean told those gathered at the Nov. 29 announcement. "For many people who live in Drayton Valley mobility is an issue. What we have done is partnered with a private service provider... The intent of the service is to allow people to dial a bus, essentially."

McLean noted the bus will be useful to residents with mobility issues to get to their appointments, shopping or whatever else they may need to do around the community.

"It's a dream come true," Gardiner said. "My vision has always been that there's people who are in wheelchairs or with mobility issues or cognitive issues and it inhibits them from being able to get out. I've always wanted to be able to give them their wings."

Gardiner explained how she wants to give seniors and the mobility-challenged the freedom they need to do everything from their daily tasks to getting to church on Sundays.

For years Gardiner's desired to get the bus, something that meshed with the town's desire to also get a specialized bus service up and running.

"I've worked with a lot of seniors and the message that I've always gotten back from them is that they feel like they're a burden," Gardiner said. "It breaks my heart that anybody feels like they're a burden. Especially our seniors, because they've given so much to the community."

Those using the service will be helped aboard the bus by Gardiner or the driver on shift. Fare is \$5.25 each way, with additional charges if prolonged help or service is needed for an extended activity or appointment.

"I'm looking forward to serving the town and the more people that access the vehicle, the happier I'm going to be because it means I'm reaching more people that needed it," Gardiner said.

To arrange a pickup by Care by Mere please call their local number at (587) 277-1441.

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Lend a hand this year and assist a senior with keeping their walkways and driveways clear of ice and snow.

Cleared walkways can make a world of difference in allowing safe accessibility in and out of a seniors home.

There are two ways you can help:
Take some extra time when shovelling your sidewalk or ploughing your own driveway and give your neighbor a hand. OR
Call Jennifer at 780-514-2206 and register as a volunteer with the **SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM** and be matched with a senior.

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news

Windrows and street parking don't mix in Drayton Valley

Town reminds residents to obey no parking signs

Lesley Allan
Western Review

With many vehicles taking to curbside parking throughout Drayton Valley, winter can prove to be a problematic time for residents as well as town employees.

"We need the residents to under-

stand that when there's no parking signs that we've put them there so we can try to have snow removal happen," says Sonya Wrigglesworth, engineering technologist with the Town of Drayton Valley. "We cannot get that removed and we can't get it graded if cars are parked on the road."

When preparing to plow a road the town puts out no parking signs throughout the areas they will be focusing on next, but even once graders have made their way

through the area street parking should not resume until windrows (long rows of snow) are removed. "Once we have a windrow we make sure the no parking signs are up so that we can get down there with a tractor and the tandem truck," explains Wrigglesworth. "If somebody parks [on the road] and there's a windrow there's not enough space on a lot of these residential streets to get down with that equipment, which means we can't remove that windrow."

Parking on roads with windrows is not only a challenge that affects the town, but also emergency services. "My biggest concern and issue is if we ever get a call for service down those roads we're not going to be able to get by," shares Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services Chief Tom Thomson. "That is a serious issue for us, especially if it's a structure fire or someone's life is at risk, and simply because someone was unwilling to move their vehicle during the plowing time. That's unacceptable."

Not only can street parking with windrows put residents in danger's way when there's an emergency

situation, but it can also cause incidences when roads are blocked and people are trying to get around. "Because the road is blocked when people get to the vehicle (on the road) they have to back up the way back out and back out into an intersection, which is another safety issue or concern that I have because people can't get through," stresses Thomson.

Although the town understands how frustrating parking can be in the winter, Wrigglesworth and the fire services ask that residents cooperate as best they can to ensure roads can be plowed in a timely manner as possible and to prevent any other incidents.

Warming Hearts to hold Christmas lunch

Paul Brian
Western Review

Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen is getting ready to warm some bellies with a delicious meal this Christmas. The soup kitchen, which is open every Wednesday lunch hour at the Drayton Valley Royal Canadian Legion, will be serving up a Christmas ham luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Legion on Christmas Day.

"Everybody's welcome. We know there are a lot of individuals in town who are away from their family for Christmas," said

Amanda Evans, a volunteer with Warming Hearts. The meal will be prepared and served by Warming Hearts for all who come to enjoy the good company and good meal.

"It's just getting busier and we're coming up to nine months," said Evans, who started Warming Hearts together with volunteer Kelly Forster. "The organization's going great. We've had a lot of donations in town and a lot of individuals drop in with bags of winter coats and boots and socks and gloves, and that's just going amazing."

Warming Hearts is open to clothing and non-perishable food donations from the public to help those in need in the community. "People should contact us because we don't have a permanent location," Evans explained. "We do run out of the Legion but it's not ours. We have very limited space, pretty much what we can haul back and forth. We don't have a storage facility or anything like that."

Those interested in arranging a time to drop off items may contact Evans at (780)-515-1219 or Forster at (780)-898-6718.

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our editorial

Neighbourhood has been showing spirit for quarter century

The lights are once twinkling along 43 St. after Snowman Lane was lit up for the 25th year on Sunday night.

What started as a few neighbours getting together to build snowmen has grown over the last quarter century to include many residents on the street who put out light and Christmas displays. The street has become something of a local attraction, not just on light up night, but throughout the Christmas season. People drive or walk along the row of homes to take in the displays.

Traditions like Snowman Lane are ones that should be celebrated because they are truly community events. This is something that has its roots in nothing more than a few people wanting to do something fun. That it has grown into a neighbourhood event is an example of community spirit.

The official light up is always a festive event with Mr. and Mrs. Snowman making the rounds and even the occasional visit from Santa

Claus himself. There's a warm fire, live Christmas music and some piping hot chocolate, which is always accompanied by a warm welcome from those in the neighbourhood.

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Happy Season's Christmas

I'm about to write into a subject that I'm sure is going to put me on a lot of people's naughty list this year.

There seems to be a particular phrase used by some at this time of year that replaces the Spirit of Christmas with far less festive feelings. What is this controversial phrase that can overshadow what is supposed to be a time promoting peace and joy? Happy Holidays.

It seems like an innocent enough phrase, but going by some posts and comments making the rounds on social media they're a polarizing two words. Many seem to see the simple phrase as an attack on the fabric of their beliefs around Christmas. That's why Happy Holidays as opposed to the more specific Merry Christmas somehow diminishes the importance of Christmas to them and their family.

Personally, I'm happy with any cheerful greeting people want to share with me. I'd far sooner a Happy Holidays or a Season's Greetings than a blank look and a scowl or a 'screw you'.

I generally wish people a Merry Christmas at this time of year, but my enjoyment of the season certainly isn't diminished if someone is talking to tell me Happy Holidays. I'm sure enough in what Christmas means to me that I don't feel it's a personal attack on me, my beliefs or the institution of Christmas itself.

I'll be the first one to admit that sometimes political correctness can go too far. The phrase Holidays will never cross my lips



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

The fact is, there are more holidays than Christmas in the festive season. I'm not saying that to be controversial, I'm just stating a fact. The other big one is Hanukkah, and, although not based in religion, New Year's. Honestly, I think people should be focusing on the sentiment behind the phrase rather than the actual words. Whether it's Merry Christmas, or Happy Holidays or Season's Greetings, or one of my own favourites Happy Ho-Ho, the important thing is that someone took the time to share any good wishes at all.

I can also honestly say that I have never come across anyone, regardless of religion or belief, who has been grievously offended if I've said Merry Christmas to them. I'm not saying it doesn't happen. I just want to point out that it's probably a rare occurrence.

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for instance, simply because I consider it too ridiculous for words. I just don't think Happy Holidays is on the same scale. I don't see these two words as political correctness gone amok -- I just see them as another way to wish someone well.

I know there's those of you out there who are vehemently disagreeing with me.

My own mother was horrified when I joked that I was going to change the greeting in my Christmas cards to read Happy Holidays. "Don't you dare!" she exclaimed on a startled gasp. After a brief exchange where I think she may have blamed for my and a few times she informed me SHE will not be saying Happy Holidays, SHE will be saying Merry Christmas. To which I replied that she should definitely do that. My whole point is not that we should all suddenly start saying Merry Christmas. Instead of Merry Christmas, just that I don't think it's grounds for moral offense if another phrase is used.

One of my favourite things about this time of year is how most people seem more friendly and open. More willing to offer a greeting and share their good wishes. I was always taught that Christmas was about joy and celebration and good will to all. I'd hate to see that lost to what I see as a pointless debate of which expression of well wishes is valid and which is not.

Now let's get back into some seasonal cheer!

opinion

Pizza confidential

The time has come to reveal a staggering secret. During much of my time in Drayton Valley as a reporter I've also been a part-time pizza delivery guy. As I deliver steaming piles of meat and cheese door-to-door I have been collecting research for a groundbreaking story that I am only at liberty to reveal now.

Drayton Valley likes pizza. People like pizza.

More broadly, pizza is good. I know this may come as a surprise, and the research and time I put into reaching these conclusions was certainly hard-fought. Indeed, it's all a day in the life when it comes to being a newspaperman. At least according to me, melodramatically.

Discerning house numbers in the dark as drivers behind me wondered what the heck I was doing driving three kilometres per hour. Carrying a flashlight as I walked up to stranger's houses and turning around before they get creeped out as I realized it was a wrong one. Getting my arm on a windshield as I saw it was the wrong address and tried to manoeuvre quickly down the steps. Looking for numbers that didn't exist.

And, you know, just delivering a ton of pizzas quickly to the right addresses and leaving behind happy customers.



Paulin Your Leg
Paul Brian

But that wouldn't exactly make an interesting column, would it?

I also worked with some great people. Pizza chefs (I shall call them artists) and delivery people who make the profession proud with their daily dedication and dose of good humour and mozzarella.

One, who was also a mathematical genius taught me the following: If you say the radius of a pizza is "r" and its thickness is "t", the volume of the pizza will be calculated by $\pi r^2 t$.

I've also learned how to cut pizzas (sorry for that large cut into semicircles) and how to take orders on the phone, construct pizza boxes and make my own pizza.

In some of delivery adventures, there have been some good ones.

On one occasion, not knowing that an address was located in an alley I

walked on foot to numerous incorrect residences. Advised from one house to the next by various residents, I ended up at what I thought was the right house.

I told the woman who answered the door that I had a delivery for (unnamed male individual). She called out to her son who was downstairs in his room with the door closed, telling him his pizza had arrived. There was a muffled response. I stood waiting.

Eventually I asked the woman again if he was coming, as I needed to know whether to reschedule my plans for retirement.

She reminded him his pizza was here and he came out of his room. "I didn't order a pizza, I told you," he said.

Wrong house. But I did catch a bit of some vampire show in the background, so not all my time was wasted.

I've also delivered a lot of pizzas to hotels and met the handworking guys who keep Drayton Valley moving. They were usually generous tipsters, here for a few days or weeks and looking for a good meal.

As I said, pizza is good. So inspiring. But don't take my word for it: I'm a reporter.

Around the water cooler...

The countdown is truly on now. We're putting in some extra time to get ourselves back onto the coveted 'nice' list in the next three weeks so Santa brings us that year free of typos and we're always wanted!

Lyla Sleno wanted to go to pass along some heartfelt thanks on behalf of her and other seniors along Madison Ave. It seems that some youth from a local church group came with shovels in hand on Nov. 22 to clear snow from driveways in the area.

"It was very much appreciated and been repeating that we will have some great youngsters in our town who care," she said in her e-mail.

What an awesome way to show the Christmas Spirit! One of our dear friends Kelsey Selman is celebrating this week on Dec. 5. Rumour has it a few people are going to be more than happy to raise a toast or will to all.

Now let's get back into some seasonal cheer!

Our very own sweetheart of sales Kelly Morris has asked us to let you know how you can win \$500 cash. It's as easy as turning to the Gift Guide in this week's paper and filling out the ballot.

Drop your ballot off at the participating businesses and if you're name is drawn you'll have the name to be entered into a draw for \$500. The prize draw will be made on Dec. 23 at 3 p.m. See, it couldn't be easier!

Now for another self-serving announcement. Our annual Christmas Greetings will be appearing in the Dec. 24 edition of the paper. This year we want to share some of the treasured traditions of local families. What does your family do every year at Christmas?

Share your tradition or favourite family Christmas recipe with us by e-mailing courtney.whalen@draytonmedia.ca.

Santa Anonymous boxes are set up at local businesses and will be there for the next few weeks. If you're able, please put a new toy, book or game into

the box to help make everyone's Christmas morning a happy one.

Want to see some serious facial hair? Turn to pg. 42 for photos of just a sample of the mustaches that were grown for November this year. If you don't see your crumb during this week be sure to pick up a copy of next week's paper because we'll be showing off some more then!

Great job to everyone who got involved in raising awareness and money to fight men's cancer. Now, get sharing!

The Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation will have some tickets available for its annual dinner theatre event in Breton. This year's evening of entertainment will take place on Dec. 14. Tickets are \$55 for dinner and the show. Pick yours up at Breton IDA, from Janet Young, Pat Monteth or by calling the foundation at 780-621-9914.

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Thank you to those that donated to our Food Bank boxes! I would also like to thank my Santa Workshop Committee members... I couldn't have done it without your time and commitment! Thank you all for Pulling Together to make Santa's Workshop 2013 a HUGE Success!

See you all Next Year!



opinion

What I want my sons to know

I have to say that I am one of the proudest moms that I know. Get into a conversation with me and I will most likely end up talking about my 'tall ginger' or my 'strong protector'.

I feel it is important that I teach them important life skills now so physical activity becomes a natural transition in their adult lives. This is where I bring my latest article into action by publicly giving them tips to a healthy lifestyle.

Be strong — Keeping active is especially important when you have to outrun others during the zombie apocalypse. Above anything else, make sure you are at least faster than the slowest person.

Physical fitness opens doors — By being out in the elements, it opens your eyes to what most of us miss while rushing back and forth in our vehicles. Travelling by foot or by bike is slower, but 'slower' enables us to see the world for what it is worth. You need to enjoy the smells, the rain and the sunshine on your face. These moments make up some of the best experiences of your life. Remember this when I ask you to walk to school or take out the trash.

Being active is a lifestyle — Being



From the Rec Desk
Kerry Doran

active means moving your body. Never borrow grandpa's special permit to park in the disabled parking spots. Give yourself the time to do something active each day. You don't need permission to walk the dog, ever.

Networking opportunities — More businesses are using meetings as a workout opportunity. Physical strength could also help you to seal the deal with future partners. Be ready when the opportunity arises, and please wear deodorant.

Healthy people make healthy friends — If you maintain a healthy lifestyle, you will meet like-minded people who may become lifelong friends. This means going to the park to play and not relying on me to be your entertainment.

Working out means you are a hard worker — The discipline to work out on a regular basis is a signal to others that you have what it takes to be successful. It also means you can better handle stressful situations. You may be hired over other applicants that are not physically active.

Your children will watch everything you do — One day your children will model your behaviours. Understand that my nagging to make you more active today will essentially teach my unborn grandchildren to maintain healthy lifestyles in the future. If you choose to listen to me.

You are unique — It doesn't matter what your brother, cousins or friends do for sports. Everyone has a sport specialty. Find yours and enjoy your success in that. I will always be proud of you whatever you choose.

Love yourself — Regardless of how much I love you, when you love yourself, others will notice. This starts on the inside and exercising regularly builds confidence and shows others that you care about yourself. This is probably the most important rule of all.

— Kerry Doran is the Recreation Activity Co-ordinator for the Town of Drayton Valley.

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news

Students first in Alberta to earn John Muir Awards

Evergreen
Grade 5
students
embrace program
that aims to promote
love of nature
and conservation

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

A group of Grade 5 students from Evergreen Elementary School have the distinction of being the first of their kind in Alberta.

On Nov. 26 family and friends joined the students as they were presented with the John Muir Award in recognition of the work they've been doing to discover and connect with nature.

Awarded through the John Muir Trust, the John Muir Award program's goal is to get people back into the wilderness to explore, think about conservation and share their experiences. Named after a man considered by many to be the founding father of modern conservation and a pioneer in the field of ecology, the program is mostly administered in the United Kingdom where the John Muir

Trust is located. Aim for Success Co-ordinator Chris Lees was familiar with the program from before he moved to Canada. Seeing the potential for local students he got to work convincing the John Muir Trust that the award program could work across the ocean in Drayton Valley.

"I think nature holds such a wonderful treasure," he told those in attendance at the awards ceremony last week.

It took approximately 18 months, but the details were eventually worked out and the program was ready to go. Although not the first time the John Muir Award program has been run in North America, it's still rare and the local participants are the first in Alberta.

With Evergreen Elementary administration and teachers on board to have their Grade 5 students take part, and a partnership established with Eagle Point/Blue Rapids (EPBR) Parks Council to help deliver the program, the learning started.

Last week the Evergreen gym walls were covered with posters showing what the program has meant to students — just one of the ways they will be sharing their new understanding of the wilderness around us.



Courtney Whalen Western Review
Grade 5 Evergreen students strike a goofy pose last week after receiving their John Muir Awards.

Liam Pughdyne was one of the students who received his award last Tuesday. He wasn't a stranger to the outdoors prior to the program, enjoying winter sports, but exploring a different aspect of the natural landscape in the area left an impression on him. It's something he thinks other people should get out and discover for themselves too.

"Maybe they should get outdoors more into the wild," he said.

Learning about different ways to enjoy and look after the wilderness is something it would be good to see other students get on activities.

She especially enjoyed an activity that had students creating and hiding geocaches, which will then be found by individuals or groups who take part in that outdoor activity. With her new knowledge and understanding of nature and conservation she and her classmates will now act as ambassadors as they share what they've learned with others. And being the first to receive the John Muir Award makes her feel "kinda special," she said.

For Lees, all the work put into bringing the program to Drayton Valley was well worth it.

"I think it was an exciting adventure to begin," he said. "The fact that I've seen young people go out into our wilderness and get excited."

The success of the program took a lot of work between Aim for Success, the school, teachers and especially the EPBR Parks Council.

Robyn Anderson is the environmental technician for the parks council and spent her Wednesday's working with the students, teachers and Aim for Success to deliver the program.

"The kids were so excited about getting out and being in the park," she said. "My favourite day of the week was Wednesday."

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Paul Brian Western Review

Petra Canada employees stand with the snowmen they built last week. Gas station customers were given the chance to cast a vote in favour of their favourite snowman (or snow woman) for the chance to win a prize.

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NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:

PROPOSAL: Communication Tower (92 m) and Accessory – Equipment Shelter (3.66 m x 3.66 m)

LEGAL DESC.: NE 13-49-6-W5M

FILE: 13D-144

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., **December 10, 2013.**

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at: **780-542-2667.**



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The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:

PROPOSAL: Major Home Occupation (Valve Repairs) and Accessories – Existing Shop (60'x40') and Shed (8'x10')

LEGAL DESC.: P1 NE 17-50-6-W5M

FILE: 13D-153

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news



Paul Brian Western Review

Members of the Drayton Valley District Cancer Support Group stand with some of the teddy bears they will be giving to residents of local seniors' lodges as part of their annual teddy bear program. The well-loved initiative brings those who are ill and seniors a new fuzzy friend and care package to help brighten their holidays. LEFT TO RIGHT: Howard Olsen, Fern Barney, Jeanne Gaudet and Eileen Linde.

Teddy bear program in full fuzzy swing

Stuffed animals will once again be distributed to bring smiles to area faces

Paul Brian
Western Review

The Drayton Valley District Cancer Support Group is handing out some fuzzy cheer once again this year with its teddy bear program. Thanks to generous donations from its own members, the public and local business, the group has more than 170 teddy bears and hygienic care packages it will be handing out this year to seniors at local lodges as well as any cancer patients in need.

"The main purpose to me is first-off it started off as comfort to cancer patients," explained Howard Olsen, chair of the support group. "But over the years we found that meant a lot more to elderly people in the homes. A lot of them sort of had nobody else to visit them. They're on their own, and we no longer give just to cancer patients but to all the residents of the different lodges."

Olsen noted that most of the cancer patients are residents of various seniors lodges anywhere, so one way or another the teddy bears end up giving a hug to someone who needs it.

Originally started by Olsen's late wife Millie and fellow group member Mary Lynn Bogert the group met monthly as a support network and

became a close-knit gathering. "Cancer's hardly ever mentioned. All of a sudden it just got to be like family coming down to lunch and visiting," Olsen said. "And then if somebody has a cancer question, some specific thing then you can ask. There are lots of people sitting around the table here who have had various kinds of cancers and are quite willing to discuss it."

This year's teddies and care packages were collected Nov. 27 at the Westwinds Hotel where the cancer support group, comprised of those who have battled the disease meet to enjoy a sociable lunch and some good company.

The teddies and packages will be disbursed in the coming weeks to three lodges in Drayton Valley, one in Breton and three in Evansburg, bringing some solace and showing that people care for seniors who may be alone in the Christmas season and not get many visits.

Olsen noted that the group also doesn't focus as much on the informational support aspect because the Drayton Valley Hospital now has a Cancer Patient Nurse Navigator, Kristen Snow, who finds support and information for sufferers and their families.

Still, Olsen and the group enjoy the support they're helping out the hospital, too.

"We have various things we do at the hospital as well, cancer support at the cancer treatment centre at the hospital," Olsen said of further outreach by the group. "We donate

shawls and knit blankets, patch-work quilts and they're all donated to us, we don't buy them. They're all donated by people in the community. When they get short, the hospital, they phone me, and I take some more over. In the cancer treatment centre people who are suffering from cancer are usually cold. Their internal thermostat doesn't work right, that's the first thing that seems to go."

The group supplies the blankets and shawls for patients coming in for day treatment who will then get to keep them and take them home.

Cancer is certainly something that's affected Olsen's life deeply in many ways as he currently has a number of family members affected with the disease.

Still, Olsen's focus is on those he can help not only his own personal situation.

"We're here for the people," Olsen said, noting the group also is always interested to help out those undergoing treatment or who need help with costs like transportation out-of-town. Support from generous local businesses and individual donors helps the support group lend this kind of helping hand.

The support group currently has around 40 members, according to Olsen, although the amount that come to the monthly meetings varies.

"We've been coming to the Westwinds the last Wednesday of the month for well over 20 years. It's tradition," Olsen said.

Need to get something off your chest?

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ART APPRECIATION



Paul Brian Western Review

The Drayton Valley Art Society opened its doors Nov. 27 at the Valley Gallery as members of the public came to view work from more than 10 local artists. Refreshments were also served and there was a People's Choice Award where those attending could vote on their favourite work of art. ABOVE: Appreciative viewers look at a painting by local artist Barb Eckert. BELOW: Local artist Doran Holley stands beside her painting, for which she used sand, cheesecloth and tissue paper.



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NEWS

Collective agreement signed

WRSD signs four year agreement with Timberline local

Paul Hiron
Western Review

Wild Rose School Division (WRSD) and Timberline Local reached a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) last week with respect to changes in their collective bargaining agreement.

The changes, which apply from Sept. 1, 2012 to Aug. 1, 2016 were ratified Nov. 28 by the WRSD Board of Trustees and had been previously ratified Nov. 25 by the teachers of WRSD as represented by Timberline local.

The agreement sets out official terms of how Timberline local and WRSD will co-operate and work together moving forward.

"We are very pleased that we could reach this agreement," said Brenton Baum, President of Timberline local and Nancy McClure, Chair of the WRSD Board's Negotiating Committee in a joint statement. "Both parties are hoping this will signal a new direction in co-operation."

The agreement applies to all 20 WRSD schools and more than 270 full time teachers for the next three years.

"We had a vote by the trustees to ratify it, which was great," said Brian Celli WRSD Superintendent. "The negotiation process proved to be a very positive one overall in terms of the relationships we've built between the board and the teachers in the school division."

Among changes in this agreement, there is the consideration of all kindergarten students as one student instead of the previous estimation of 0.6. This number is used toward calculation of an allowance given to administrators for the number of students they have in their school.

"Traditionally maybe kindergarten were only half time, so that's where that was reflected. But now with the move towards full day kindergarten and full-time kindergarten these students are now going to be counted as a full

student and that applies to the administrative allowance that administrators in our school division get," Baum explained.

In another change, substitute teaching gained after Sept. 1, 2014 will be counted towards years of experience that counts for grid movement.

"So if a full-time substitute teacher comes in for the year that connection would be applied to their grid placement and they would get higher salary on their next placement," Baum outlined.

Materially less for the recovery period or sick leave portion will now be 100 per cent covered rather than the former coverage rate of 95 per cent, also effective Sept. 1, 2014.

"We've been trying to attempt to come to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a couple years," Baum noted, adding that two meetings were held in October and an MOA was reached Oct. 31. "With the legislated settlement from the government, that was affecting the monetary amounts, the salary, which was frozen for three years. So we're in the second year of that freeze and it will be next year as well. And following that a two per cent increase in year four. But that was a legislated settlement from the Alberta government. That was not a part of the negotiations that took place locally. Other items that were not salary-related could be negotiated at a local level."

Baum observed that the legislated settlement was preset and only 0.5 per cent of the base structural grant from WRSD 2012 grant could be negotiated monetarily between Timberline and the school board.

"For something that could have been a real disaster overall, because there really wasn't that much to work with, I think we've come out of it in a very, very good position," Celli said. "There really is a combination moving forward to take it to a new level between the two groups."

A further change stipulates that an individual in an administrator role such as principal or vice-principal, who is transferred by the employer to teach a class due to an employer initiated transfer. If an administrative designation is ended as the result of a transfer the

salary and allowances of the administrator who is transferred will continue to be maintained for a period of three years, ensuring any administrator this may happen to would not have their pension negatively impacted.

Finally, the Health Services Amount (HSA) was increased to \$700 per year per full time teacher effective Sept. 1, 2014. WRSD estimates full usage of the fund by all teachers would entail a cost of \$247,500, although Baum noted that is highly unlikely and that the fund, currently, for example, is used by on 42 per cent of teachers.

The HSA helps cover medical expenses such as dental work that goes over the basic benefits amounts for teachers.

"It's for items that are not covered or expenditures beyond what is covered in their benefit plan," Baum said. "Let's say I go to the dentist and the charge is \$200, I can access the health spending account to cover the balance."

Through a bridging clause in the previous MOA, WRSD has been operating on a continuance of its prior MOA with Timberline.

"Teachers are just happy that the local and the board were able to come to an agreement," Baum said of the new signing.

Celli was hesitant to say the new MOA will give WRSD teachers all they want, but he said it is a step in the right direction.

"In the current environment I'm sure we weren't able to get them what they want, but we gave them as much as we could, and I think they realized that we weren't trying to hold back," Celli said. "So that was positive."

Despite not a lot of bargaining room Celli was pleased with the level of understanding that was reached.

"There just wasn't much room to bargain or talk about too many things," Celli observed. "Having said that, through the C2 (associated section of provincial Alberta Teachers Association Agreement) process that came out of the provincial agreement we've been able to put some things on the table around workload and work-life balance. We had a very good conversation with the local about those."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

PLEASE NOTE:

Council of the Town of Drayton Valley will hold a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2013/16/P, the Noise Bylaw.

The proposed Bylaw 2013/16/P, which received first reading at the regular Council meeting on October 19, 2013, is to replace the existing Noise Bylaw. Due to the dated nature of the current Noise Bylaw 81-30, a review was required. During this review it was discovered that it would be better to rewrite the noise bylaw in its entirety, rather than amend the dated bylaw. Noise Bylaw 2013/16/P was created to meet the needs of our growing and changing community, and to update the bylaw. Bylaw 2013/16/P addresses concerns about noise not only for the residential areas of Town but also construction and industrial areas. Some of the changes include: a definition section, setting out of quiet hours, distinguishing between residential, industrial and construction noise, monetary penalties to deter unwanted noise, provisions for written directions to remedy contraventions, and allow the Town to issue permits to accommodate circumstances of noise outside quiet hours.

Bylaw 2013/16/P is available for public inspection at the Town Office between the hours 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or on the Town's website at www.draytonvalley.ca, until December 10th, 2013.

Any person who claims to be affected by the passing of Bylaw 2013/16/P is requested to file his or her concerns in writing to the Bylaw Officer at Box 6537, Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1A1, by fax to 780-542-5753 or by e-mail to bylaw@draytonvalley.ca, no later than 2:00 pm on Dec. 10th, 2013. Those written submissions which have been received before the designated time will be discussed at the meeting before further presentation will be recognized.

The Public Hearing for this Bylaw 2013/16/P will be held before the Regular Scheduled Meeting of Council, in the Council Chambers at the Drayton Valley Civic Centre, at 5:00 pm on December 11th, 2013, for the purpose of hearing any objections, recommendations and/or complaints pertaining to the proposed Bylaw.

This notice is made pursuant to section 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2008. Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto.

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PLEASE NOTE:

Council of the Town of Drayton Valley will reconvene the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2012/16/D for a proposed new Signage Bylaw.

Bylaw 2012/16/D, which received first reading at the December 12, 2012 regular Council meeting, is intended to replace the existing Signage Bylaw 2007/23/D and Amending Bylaw 2008/21/D. Bylaw 2012/16/D is available for public inspection at the Town Office between the hours 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or on the Town's website at www.draytonvalley.ca, until December 11, 2013.

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Residents are encouraged to attend. Should you have any questions with regard to the proposed Bylaw please contact Patricia Bock, Planning & Development Officer at the Town Office at 514-2299. This notice is made pursuant to section 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2008. Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto.



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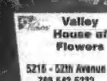
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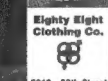
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Paul Brien Western Review



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Empower a family this Christmas

Cards being sold through Hearts for Lushoto

Curry Whalen
Western Review

If your family or company is still looking for a project to take on this Christmas season Hearts for Lushoto has a suggestion.

The local organization still has Empowerment Cards available for

donations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. The cards each feature the story of a family in Lushoto, Tanzania. All of the money from the donation goes toward that family and is then used to help them support themselves through a number of business initiatives and improvements. Many of the families featured on the Empowerment Cards are being cared for by a family matriarch and can include extended family members and orphans.

Hearts for Lushoto will provide yearly updates on how the families

are managing to those donors who request it.

Hearts for Lushoto, a community group established as a side project from a municipal partnership between Drayton Valley and Lushoto, Tanzania is involved in a number of initiatives in the African country to help families in their daily lives.

Individuals, families or businesses can also support Lushoto families by providing medical insurance for an individual for \$125.

Anyone interested in purchasing an Empowerment Card can contact Erin at 780-542-7946 or Carolyn at 780-621-0301. You can also find Hearts for Lushoto on Facebook.

Drayton Valley court briefs

Curry Whalen
Western Review

MAN JAILED AFTER WOMAN BRETTED FROM VEHICLE

A man charged after a woman was ejected from a vehicle onto a busy highway is spending another three months in jail after being sentenced last week.

Clayton Hawkins had pleaded guilty to a number of charges including assault, using threats and dangerous driving on Sept. 17. He appeared via closed circuit television on Nov. 20 to be sentenced.

The charges stem from an incident on Oct. 9, 2012 when a witness called RCMP to report that a woman had just been ejected from a truck onto the road. The police investigation revealed that Hawkins had been driving the truck when a fight had broken out between him and a female passenger. The woman got out of the truck and Hawkins followed her in the vehicle, eventually convincing her to get back into the truck. At that point the two started to fight again and before the woman had completely gotten back in the vehicle Hawkins pulled a U-turn in the highway, in front of oncoming traffic. The court found at that point the woman was thrown from the truck and landed on the road. Hawkins then approached the woman and attempted to get her back into the truck. She refused and instead got up and approached another vehicle.

During her statement to police the woman indicated that Hawkins had also assaulted her on two other recent occasions. In the first instance he had struck her in the face and on a separate

day and had thrown a heated pipe at her, burning her on the arm. Signs of both of those injuries were still visible to police when she gave her statement.

Judge Marilyn White sentenced Hawkins to 180 days on each charge to be served concurrently. He was also given credit for 93 days spent in pre-sentence custody and a one-year driving prohibition.

WOMAN JAILED FOR BREACHING PROBATION

A woman who pleaded guilty to four charges for breaching terms of her probation last week received a sentence that allowed her to enter a residential treatment program for addiction issues.

Chantal Strong was placed on probation in July of this year. On Aug. 12 she told her probation officer she was living with her family. Subsequent calls revealed that she was not living at the home and hadn't been for a number of weeks. She also failed to attend at scheduled assessment and probation appointments.

Then, on Sept. 27, Strong was identified as the passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over by police. After noticing a baggie with white powder RCMP conducted a search of the car. As a result they found a purse that Strong identified as belonging to her. Inside police found a meth pipe and a small amount of meth. One of the conditions of her probation was to abstain from drugs and alcohol.

The court heard that Strong had been in custody for 60 days prior to pleading guilty and that she was scheduled to enter a residential treatment program in the next few days. Judge Marilyn White sentenced Strong to 30

days in jail each on three of the charges to be served concurrently and with credit for time already spent in custody. On the final breach charge she was sentenced to 32 days in jail consecutive to the other sentences with credit for 30 days in pre-sentence custody.

MAN JAILED FOR BREACHING COURT ORDERS

A 21-year-old man who failed to report to his bail supervisor after being released from custody pleaded guilty to three charges in Drayton Valley Provincial Court last week.

Colton Strachan appeared via CCTV to plead guilty to three charges, all of them related to breaching court orders.

On Sept. 18 Drayton Valley RCMP learned that Strachan had been released from custody under a number of conditions, including reporting to probation, living at an approved residence and abstaining from drugs and alcohol. Police learned Strachan had failed to report to the bail supervisor and had also provided a false address for where he was supposedly living.

Police located Strachan during a traffic stop where he was found in the vehicle. At that time he admitted he hadn't reported to his bail supervisor and also told police he had consumed methamphetamine in the past hour. He was then arrested.

Strachan had been in custody for 60 days prior to entering his guilty pleas. Judge Marilyn White sentenced him to 60 days in jail on each charge to be served concurrently. He was given credit for the time spent in pre-sentence custody.

"Breach another term of your release and you'll be arrested again," the cautioned.

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AUMA award another sustainability achievement

➤ Town doing well on meeting goals of Community Sustainability Plan

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Recognition from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association is another feather in the Town of Drayton Valley's sustainability cap, but doesn't mean the town is slowing down on reaching its goals.

Earlier this month the Town of Drayton Valley was presented with a Sustainability in Action Award from the provincial association. The award, handed out at the Association President's Dinner on Nov. 19, recognized excellence in implementing sustainability plans, especially in the area of environmental sustainability. Mayor Glenn McLean was on hand to accept the award

along with Coun. Nicole Nadessu and Town Manager Manny Deed.

Drayton Valley received the award for communities from 2,500-10,000 population, while the City of Red Deer took home the same award for municipalities with populations of 10,000 or more.

This isn't the first time the community has been recognized for its work in the area of sustainability. In 2012 the town received a Sustainable Communities Award from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in recognition of the Community Sustainability Plan that was approved early in 2010.

When it comes to being recognized as a leader, the town is happy to keep accepting accolades, said McLean last week. "These things don't get old," he noted.

Not only do the awards bring positive exposure to the Town of Drayton Valley, but they serve to let town council, administration and residents know they're on

the right track.

"It reinvigorates us and administration," said McLean.

When passed by the council of the day in 2010 the Community Sustainability Plan set out short, mid and longer-term goals in a number of different areas. The idea behind the plan was that it would need the buy-in and participation of not just council and administration, but residents as well. If the results are anything to judge by the plan is working.

McLean said that currently all of the first-year goals of the plan have been met or are in progress. Of the five-year goals set out 72 per cent have been achieved or are in progress and 57 per cent of the 10-year goals have been met or are in progress.

As well as working to keep Drayton Valley as a growing and thriving community, the plan and its outcomes can be used to attract families and business to the area, McLean believes.

"I think it already is serving to promote our community," he said.

The plan includes some larger initiatives such as the Bio-Mile, but also projects that are undertaken on a yearly or daily basis by the town and members of the community. Those include things such as the Protect Our Ultimate Resource (POUR) program, community gardens, mas-

ter composting program and Communities in Bloom. Although the AUMA award focused on the area of environmental sustainability and acknowledged Drayton Valley for its ongoing work to establish the Bio-Mile, the Community Sustainability is about more than the environment.

The plan strives to achieve overall sustainability environmentally, economically and socially. That work will continue, said McLean.

To find out more about the Community Sustainability Plan go online to www.draytonvalley.ca under the Community Services tab.

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Sports

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Thunder get their 'Mo on for prostate cancer research

➤ Team raises more than \$11,000 in support of cause

Lesley Allan
Western Review

The Drayton Valley Thunder might have been facing off against the Bonnyville Pontiacs on Nov. 26, but the real opponent that night was prostate cancer as the hometown boys battled it out to raise money for Movember.

"We've done some charity games in the past and with Movember becoming very popular with the younger crowds it was just an opportunity to use that and directly use it with our players. As well, for them to raise money too was to give their moustaches out," shared Ryan Plysuk, director of sales and marketing for the Thunder. "I thought it would be a cool idea, something different and something we haven't done before here in Drayton Valley."

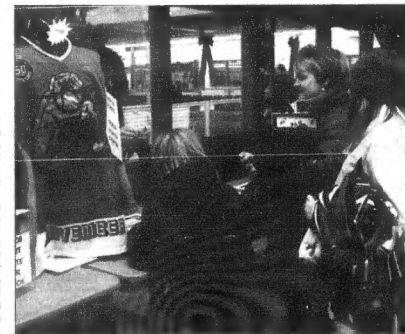
Sporting commemorative jerseys for the game, spectators and fans had the opportunity to bid on their favourite player's uniform, with the highest bid getting to take it home as a souvenir.

The night was made possible in part to Pile Base Contractors, whose sponsorship of the jerseys meant that all funds raised will go directly to the cause.

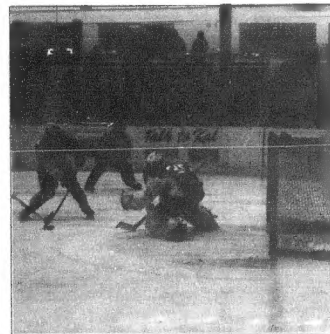
"I just enjoy raising money for charity. I know people, men that have suffered from prostate cancer and other different men's health cancers and stuff," shared Paula Macdonald, manager and owner of PBC. "I've done two other charities (with the Thunder) before that were really close to me from losing people with heart and stroke as well as cancer."

By the end of the night the Thunder didn't have the numbers on the scoreboard they wanted to see, with a 7-4 loss, but regardless the night's goal was met.

"We ended up raising \$11,000 for prostate cancer with the charity auction of the jerseys and some donations from the players as well, so it was very successful," said Plysuk. "We had a pretty good crowd, unfortunately the game didn't go the way we wanted it to, but I think overall for the whole event it went really well. So I can't



In their Nov. 26 match against the Bonnyville Pontiacs, the Drayton Valley Thunder dedicated the game to raising funds to fight prostate cancer. The team wore commemorative jerseys that fans could bid on their favourite players' jersey. Winners with the highest bid got to take jerseys home for the night. Despite losing 7-4 to the Pontiacs, the night was a big win for prostate cancer research and Movember, raising more than \$11,000 for the cause.



Lesley Allan Western Review

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SCOREBOARD

The Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL) Drayton Valley Thunder had a disappointing week. After rallying back from a slow start to the season the squad seems to have fallen into another slump, losing 7-4 to the Bonnyville Pontiacs on Nov. 26 at home, and again going down to the Pontiacs three days later in an away game 2-1.

Sunday, Dec. 1 the Thunder took on the Drumheller Dragons from the AJHL South Division but had a very tough challenge.

The Thunder's Brayden Harris netted a big shorthanded goal early in the first, but the Dragons roared back with two goals including a powerplay goal, from Christopher Rauckman.

Heading into the second, Drayton Valley's Trevor Poirier made the crowd loud with a nice goal, but couldn't stop the Dragons attack that followed as the Dragons got two more goals before the game was over and made the final score a 4-2 loss for the Thunder.

The Thunder's next game is tonight (Dec. 3) at the Omniplex, when they will take on the

Grande Prairie Storm 7:30 p.m. The team hopes to recapture their winning momentum from the past few weeks.

The Thunder's next game following the Storm will be on the road Dec. 6 versus the Lloydminster Bobcats.

The Thunder's season record now sits at 10 wins, 18 losses, two ties.

Tanner Clarkson and Trevor Poirier are tied for leading the team in goals with 10 apiece, while Nathan Smith has the most points with 9 goals and 25 assists.

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Fire Services briefs

Despite the fluctuating temperatures and arrival of winter road conditions that usually result in numerous calls for the Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services, it was a quiet week. In fact, the fire services didn't have any calls for service between Nov. 20-27.

DIGGING OUT
It looks like it's safe to assume that winter is here to stay and as snow continues to fall the Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services is asking homeowners to lend their shovels to the firefighting cause. Residents with fire hydrants located in front of their homes are asked to extend their snow clearing efforts to include the firefighting infrastructure.

Deputy Fire Chief Kamil Lasek said having the hydrants cleared of snow assists fire services in the

event they need to access them in an emergency. Having the hydrants cleared of snow makes it easier to locate them and saves time in accessing them.

Winter can also cause other access problems for the fire services, especially when it comes to manoeuvring roads that are still being cleared by the municipality.

The arrival of large quantities of snow means less room on local streets. When snow removal is occurring the presence of windrows restricts the access space even more. Throw in residents parking on the street and it can make some streets inaccessible for fire trucks, forcing them to find an alternate route to their destination.

Lasek said that's one of the reasons it's important for people to follow instructions on municipally posted signs that ask residents not to park on the street for a period

of time. Not just to allow proper snow clearing, but also to ensure emergency services has clear access to local roads when they respond to a call for service.

"It definitely restricts our access to move around," he said.

FRIENDLY REMINDER
This Thursday local emergency services will be chatting to motorists, handing out candy canes and reminders to drive responsibly ahead of the holiday season. Members from the Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services, Drayton Valley RCMP and Associated Ambulance will be taking part in the annual Candy Cane Checkstop. The checkstop will be set up in Drayton Valley Thursday evening as a way to connect with the public and remind them to enjoy Christmas festivities responsibly as Christmas party season gets into full swing.

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Coaches host Critters in support of minor hockey



Drayton Valley's minor hockey coaches banded together to take on the CFW Critters on Nov. 28. Money raised through ticket sales as well as a silent auction featuring various hockey memorabilia items went toward the Drayton Valley Minor Hockey Association's Coach and Athlete Development Fund, which cover the cost of coach training and clinics for players throughout the season.



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Looking for the real thing? Cut your own tree

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Let's Make a Tree

There's nothing like the scent of a fresh cut evergreen to create that cozy holiday ambience, and for nearly 200 years, families across Canada have celebrated the holiday season with brightly decorated coniferous trees.

"There's something special about bundling up the whole family, heading outdoors and setting your eyes on the perfect tree," shares Barry Shellen, wildlife ranger and information officer with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD). "Among Alberta's native trees, white spruce, balsam fir, and jack pine are some of the most popular holiday choices."

Those looking can harvest their own Christmas tree in Alberta's public (or Crown) lands can purchase a tree cutting permit online, at participating ESRD Office or the Poplar Ridge Store. A nominal fee is required and will permit the removal of up to three trees from Crown land, and make available maps and safety tips for finding a tree.

When searching for a tree, keep in mind the following:

- Each tree must be no larger than 2.5 metres (8 ft.)

in height;

- You must have a permit with you.
- The tree must be located in designated Crown forest

- Do not trespass onto private property.

"With proper planning and attention, the selection, harvest and setup of your tree can be an enjoyable family activity that creates lasting memories for years to come," says Shellen. "Plus aside from the familiar 'Christmas' scent, a fresh tree is an environmentally sound choice over its artificial counterpart, as real trees are a renewable and recyclable resource."

CHOOSING A TREE
When choosing a tree it is important to always get one that is freshly cut, as a dried out Christmas tree can be totally consumed by a fire in less than 30 seconds. A fresh tree will stay green longer, retain its fragrance and be less of a fire hazard.

BRANCH TEST — Draw the end of the branch (15 cm or 6 inches) through the cup of your hand. The needles should fall through your hand without coming off.

STUMP TEST — Bang the stump end sharply on the ground. A freshly cut tree should not lose its green needles. Remember that conifers shed some of their needles almost constantly and some of these older yellow needles may still be lodged against the

inner branches.

NEEDLE TEST — Fold a needle back until the tip touches the stem making a circle. The needle should not break but should bounce back into shape unless it is frozen.

"If you get your tree several days before you plan to set it up, store the tree outdoors or on a cool porch or patio until you are ready to decorate," adds Shellen.

SETTING UP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Before setting up the tree, saw two inches (five centimetres) diagonally off the end of the trunk, this will remove the dried end and allow the tree to absorb water. Trees are thirsty and may consume up to four litres of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh water as needed. A stand that holds a least four litres of water is recommended and one that has widespread legs for better

balance is also important.

"If you allow the water level to drop below the bottom of the tree, a seal will form just as it does on a cut flower and a new cut will be necessary," warns Shellen of that importance to monitor water levels.

Christmas trees, whether real or fake, should never be set up near a heat source such as a radiator, television, fireplace, or heating duct, or block doors and windows.

For individuals who rent it is important to speak with landlords to ensure real Christmas trees are permitted within the building.

DECORATING THE TREE

How you decorate a tree can also affect its safety, regardless of whether it's real or fake. Due to this it is impor-

tant to use Canadian Standards Association certified lights and to inspect them before use for things such as cracked bulbs and frayed, broken or exposed wires.

Choosing decorations that are flame-retardant, non-combustible and non-conductive is also important for ensuring a safe tree. Avoid using angel hair (glass wool) together with spray-on snowflakes, as this combination is highly combustible.

Finally, once the tree is decorated it is important that homeowners turn off the tree lights when you leave and

before you retire at night. Never use lighted candles on your Christmas tree and always keep lighted candle out of reach of children.

"Following these safety measures should ensure you have a tree that stays fresh indoors," says Shellen. "Remove the tree within 10-14 days, as after that amount of time in a heated building even the freshest tree will begin to dry out."

For more information on Christmas tree safety, or tree cutting permits visit <http://ard.alberta.ca/FormOnline/Services/TreeCuttingPermits>.

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Get active at festive event

Santa Run and Elf Walk being held this weekend

Lesley Allan
Western Review

What do you think of when talking about Santa and his elves?

If it's not physical activity, then it's time for a change, as the Town of Drayton Valley gets ready to host its second annual Santa Run and Elf Walk.

Taking place at the Gruniples starting at 10 a.m. on Dec. 7, the event provides a festive spirit, physical activity as it looks to help others in the community and get people moving.

It's a fun run, or walk, that will help people through the food bank and also help to fund youth recreation programs for the next year, shares Kerr, Drayton recreation and activities coordinator for Drayton Valley.

Part of my job is to create activities where the community can become engaged and participate in physical activities," she adds. "At Christmas

time and during the winter everybody seems to slow down and hibernate, like the bears, and we want to put a limit to that. We want people to be more active and just have fun out in the cold as well as the hot."

Giving participants an option of what distance they do, the Santa Run and Elf Walk is the perfect activity for young and old with a one kilometre walk around Ivan To Pond, as well as a five kilometre run for those looking for something a little more challenging.

Last year's event had approximately 10 participants of varying age, and according to Doran it was something everyone seemed to enjoy.

"Everybody seemed to have fun, we had little decorated hats that people wore and we made it a little bit more festive," she shares. "It was a pretty cold day last year, but everyone was in pretty good spirits."

Registration for the walk/run is \$10 a person and organizers will be collecting food donation for the Drayton Valley Food Bank. There is no deadline for those who want to get involved, but for those looking to get ahead of the crowds can call (781) 511-2235 to register.

SHARING THE LOVE FOR CHRISTMAS



Berthe Brooks places an ornament before flipping the switch to light up the Tree of Love for another year on Nov. 26. The tree, located at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre, is filled with ornaments placed in remembrance or celebration. Ornaments can be obtained from the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation for a small donation. The Brooks family was asked to place the first ornament and light the tree this year in remembrance of Robert Brooks, who died earlier this year.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

On Nov. 29 as part of the Healthy Relationships program Breton High School hosted a student forum. Students designed a plan for what healthy interactions between people of all ages should look like, and discussed how we can actively encourage positive relationships.

In December we have many activities planned including these dress up days: Dec. 4 — Red and Green, Dec. 5 — Dress for Fun Outside, Dec. 12 — Sparkly and Formal, Dec. 13 — Christmas Hats, Dec. 18 — Tacky Dancers, Dec. 19 — Ornaments/Wednesday.

Finally, we would like to send out a big thank you to all the people and businesses who donated to "Tools for Schools" this year!

A big thank you from all the teachers to the moms of the PAC who provided dinner at school on Monday and Wednesday evenings when the teachers had parent/teacher interviews.

Both Grade 5 classes went home last Friday with quite a long answer to the question, "So, what did you learn at school today?" Mr. Ira Haight, better known to Aurora students as "Grandpa Ira," visited the Aurora Grade 5 classes to share some of his incredible experiences during WWII as a driver mechanic. Among his amazing memories, he explained how he survived storming Iwo Jima by learning discipline, skills and how to react during his rigorous training. He also spoke vividly about the children he helped liberate during his four years overseas who wished for nothing more than food to eat, clothes to wear and something to learn. He remembers children fighting to sit next to him in the truck (middle-school bus) just to hear his stories

about what school was like. Grandpa Ira spoke humbly of his many medals, but only after being asked to explain each of them. The students were astonished to learn that Ira actually volunteered to join the war effort at 18, when they were certain that every soldier would have received a letter demanding enlistment.

The students were visibly moved by this selfless act of bravery and by Ira's modest reply of, "Oh, I am not too sure why I got all these medals. I was just there doing my job." It was an incredible hour that we will remember forever. The goal for their time with Ira was to gather even more information regarding war in order to write respectful letters to various veterans. We are fairly certain that the honourable and distinguished Mr. Ira Haight will be getting almost 60 letters of appreciation and respect. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful man come into our room.

There is no school this Friday due to a snow PD Day.

The Christmas Concert is coming up next week. Here is the schedule. Tuesday Dec. 10 for classes KS, IT, ID, ZS, 3P, PG, 4G, 5B, 6G afternoon concert 1pm, and evening concert at 7pm. On Wednesday Dec. 11 is the concert for classes 1DB, 1SC, 2DB, 2ZC, 3B, 4S, 5P, 6H afternoon concert at 1pm, and evening concert at 7pm.

Dec. 13 is Spidee and Shine split day so start preparing your filing.

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY
Thank you to the parents who attended the basketball parent meeting last week. If you were unable to attend, please be sure to get the information package from your son or daughter. We have three basketball teams this year. The senior boys and JV boys teams are coached by Mr. Woods and the senior girls team is coached by Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler. Both the league schedules and the tournament schedules have been set and were handed out at the meeting. This will be an exciting basketball season, be sure to come out and enjoy the games and cheer on our Tigers. Go Tigers!

School Council meeting is tonight, Dec. 3 at 7pm, at the school/library meeting room. Everyone is encouraged to come out and get involved.

The season of Advent is upon us! Holy Trinity Advent celebration will be held on Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. Please come and join in celebration. Weekly Advent prayers will be e-mailed home for your own use with your family. Mrs. Ziegler and the physics 20 class will be taking a field trip to West Edmonton Mall to study laws of motion. Dec. 6 will be a day off for students

while HTA staff take part in a Professional Development Day.

No Christmas season would be complete without an ugly Christmas sweater! Start looking for yours now as HTA will be having an Ugly Christmas Sweater Day! Keep an eye out for the date!

Final exam time is quickly approaching. Please check the school website for the schedule. It is never too early to start reviewing those notes!

Europe trip 2015 is taking registrations now. All interested travellers should sign up early to avoid disappointment. Please contact Ms. Duperon at the school for more information. H.W. PK3JIP

Congratulations to Grade 9 Huskies for having the lobby for lunch all last week! That's what happens when you earn the most sponsorship for the Terry Fox Run.

Congratulations to all students who were nominated and then those who were chosen for their sense of "imagination" at last Friday's assembly! Students will probably have many photos to share of staff members honouring their challenge to students back in September! Spirit option is now challenging all advisory classes to decorate their rooms for the month of December!

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Mrs. Hook has invited students to attend the school's annual Christmas concert. Students are asked to please come and see their own achievements. While in the library, check out the new Christmas-related displays Mrs. Hook has built for students.

Basketball teams have been chosen for league and tournament play. Congratulations tournament! Thank you to our volunteer coaches of the week: Jason Smith, Crystal Blake, Jerry Russell, and Mike Kovermier!

Report cards went home last Friday, and parents are encouraged to attend parent/teacher interviews being held both this Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the correct time of 5:00 p.m. Don't forget, Dec. 6 is a PD day, no classes for students.

Parents and friends are invited to what we hope will become an annual Christmas Festival of the Arts at R.V. Pickup on Dec. 12, starting at 7 p.m. Sharp. Come join in some student music, some student drama, and some student art presentation!

Dec. 20 is our last day of classes before Christmas break! We have organized a 9 a.m. assembly followed by a 10 a.m. guest speaker, and the day will culminate with a 1 p.m. dance!

Term II began Monday, and students are being encouraged to stay healthy and stay focused for the next three weeks!

FLORADO
Thank you to all who attended our grand opening of the learning commons. We had a lovely time sharing all the new features as well as book-themed snacks and refreshments. Thank you to Miss Elly and Miss Goddard for all of your hard work. As well, a big thanks to all of the countless helpers who made a warm and welcoming space for all to enjoy.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Eldorado! Students have started to practice for our Christmas concert on Dec. 17. A great start to our holiday season!

Santitas Anonymous Jack-in-the-box for toys and gingerbread houses for food have been set out to be filled. Our 12 days of Christmas campaign is going well! So far days 1, 2, 3, and 4, designated groups have brought, pasta, canned meats, and extra packs of juice and stuffing or cranberry sauce as well as toys. Good job guys.

Be sure to check out Eldorado's Facebook page to see what's going on in and around our school! Visit www.facebook.com/SchoolingWithSpice

Don't forget to book an appointment to see your child's teacher Dec. 2 or Dec. 3 between 3:30-4:30 p.m. While you are here learning about all the fabulous things your child is learning, you can check out the tables in the foyer. Maybe one or more of the donating items belongs to your child!

What's going on?
Dec. 2 — Parent/teacher interviews 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Dec. 12 — Schoolwide turkey dinner
Dec. 12 — Dress in the Spirit of Christmas

TUMAHAWK
The Tomahawk School family donated boxes and boxes of non-perishable food for the food bank. Thank you to everyone for your generous support of this worthwhile cause.

When it's time to have a cold or catch a cold, please have your children bundle up as they go out to recess. Please have your children wear a hat and gloves. It is important to keep them warm and safe on their bus ride to and from school.

For Kindergarten students it was a very busy week in many ways. They received their principal's letter. They read *Sleeping Beauty*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. They compared story elements and discovered that fairy tales really do have elements that are the same. Often, the tales start with "Once upon a time" and end with "and they lived happily ever after." All of the fairy tales we have read in the past two weeks have good characters and bad or evil characters in them. The special number of three was discovered: three bears, three bowls, three chairs, three beds, three fairies and three beans.

Grades one, two and three students are learning about the different customs and traditions that are celebrated around our planet in their Christmas Around the World unit. They are focusing on their own Christmas preparations in many cross-curricular, hands-on activities! They will be baking goodies and are already travelling the globe via the World Wide Web, sharing their ideas and research, as well as creating new traditions and cross-creating old customs!

A very sincere Tomahawk School thank you to Alana Robb who volunteered her valuable time to ensure that our Tomahawk day with something to eat! Some of our students have a long bus ride in the morning or, at times, sleep in and miss breakfast, arriving at school hungry. Mrs. Robb with the help of Tomahawk School organized the program, collects or buys food from various places in Drayton Valley and comes to

our school to organize the food to be served. What Mrs. Robb's help and the help of parent volunteers and students a healthy breakfast is served to students on a daily basis. The service you provide is invaluable. Mrs. Robb.

In social studies students in Grade 4/5 continued with their exploration of maps. It is important for students to understand what a map is and how they are used. Students had the opportunity to work in partners to use a Paris Metro map. Students needed to travel from one location to another on the map. They also discussed with their partners if there were multiple routes, whether taking the train is the best option etc. The map provided students with a real life opportunity to use a map. Students in Grade 5/6 worked on completing their Alberta Top plan. This plan took several days for students to complete. It involved researching regions in Alberta, planning a route, and determining the cost for this trip.

ST. ANTHONY
The Junior high 6th grade assembly was held Nov. 29. The following students received Principal's Honour Roll awards:
Grade 7: Morgan Beckert, Tim Benoit, Avery Campbell, Rebecca Fontana, Ashley Gray, Raphael Gutierrez, Chelsea Inglis, Arifa Kalfed, Morgan Koles, Elizabeth Lamermeier, Nathan Monteiro, Lisa Oudgou, Benjamin Pequin, Maira Proulx, and Arielle Thonelson.

Grade 8: Nate Benoit, Rachel Bergeron, Taylor-Lynn Gaine, Nikki Vase Gaudin, Kaycee-Jay Hines, Brooklyn Horne, Sarah Hovell, Jade Hovell, Mikayla Hunt, Brenda Kerdahl, Melissa Ann Olson, Peyton Pickett, Emma Schmitz, Julia Titchard and Thor Whittall.

Way to everybody!
At the Celebration of Success assembly on Nov. 29 the following students were recognized for behaviour, character traits/virtues or academic achievements in self-control:
Kindergarten: Mrs. Naugle, Calen Harris, Duke Giroux, Tyler Ocas, Artelle Lumberton and Danika Lavigne.
Kindergarten: Mrs. Swag, Mason Newberry, Ashlyn Robb and Taylor Hudson.

Grade 1: Mrs. MacDonald, Grace Lammie, Mrs. Macleod, Allen and Dawson Henry.
Grade 1: Mrs. Prentice, Destiny Bennett, Erik Marton and Scott Henry.
Grade 2: Mrs. Mallory, Blair Reid and Madison Corbett.
Grade 2/3: Mrs. Corbett, Austin

MacNeil, Lucas Olsen and David MacNeil.

Grade 3: Mrs. Raution, Tazier Muir, Macleod Macleod, Lincoln Corbett and Cole McLeod.
Grade 4: Miss Lamermeier, Ashley Hovell, Taylor Gaudin and Dean Bicknell.
Grade 4/5: Mrs. Naugle, Lucas Wilson, Alyssa Chiu, Eric Landry and Erica Houde.

Grade 5: Mrs. Haggarty, Brandon Knox, Tazier Lamermeier, Zachary Parenteau and Brayden Boyce.
Grade 6: Mrs. McConnell, Emma Bergeron, Brent Serry, Colby Asell and Avery Quenna.

The Celebration of Success for December will be "low" — Being a good friend.

We would like to put out a call for child-friendly little goods that are at our living activity on Dec. 17. St. Anthony families, if you have or know anyone with pet animals that could be part of our Nativity please call the school at 780-542-4396.

School Council news and notes: St. Anthony School Council's Winter Wonderland Fair will be on Dec. 6, 7 and 8 p.m. in the school gym. There will be a full concession, games, down, crafts, Santa, silent auction, live music, face painting and arcade games and bake sale (recommended baked goods; whole cakes not rolls; strudels, cupcakes, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, pies, cheesecakes, assorted squares, fudge, quick breads (banana, pumpkin etc.) or any other baked delicacy. Please drop off baked goods at the office no later than Dec. 5.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this bake sale a success like every year! We cannot do this without all the wonderful parents of our school! Volunteers are greatly needed for this event. There is a sign up board at the

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27 - 28 Cows	55	02-04	11,000.00
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31 - 32 Cows	55	02-04	11,000.00
33 - 34 Cows	55	02-04	11,000.00
35 - 36 Cows	55	02-04	11,000.00
37 - 38 Cows	55	02-04	11,000.00
39 - 40 Cows	55	02-04	11,000.00

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WANTED TO COMMUNICATE

An Airline Fire Department representative pledged with a move made in the federal government drawing its companies to share information about dangerous goods with municipalities, Nov. 20.

The Raitt, the minister of Transport made the announcement in the wake of several rail disasters including the Lac Mégantic tragedy which took place on July 6 and took 45 lives.

"We are actively pleased with this initiative," said Linda Mason, a deputy fire chief with Airline's fire services.

"This type of information really provides us an opportunity to better understand the risks we may be facing. That allows us to better train and be more prepared."

Mason said the AFD will come dialogue with the rail companies, adding up until now their way to regulate transportation to reveal what dangerous goods they carry through the city.

"We have never been aware of what is going through our town," she said, adding in the case of an accident first responders may be unaware of what the train was carrying, potentially putting them at risk.

"We don't know what we are dealing with until we are there."

With the announcement, Transport Canada now requires Class 1 railway companies (such as Canadian National and Canadian Pacific) to provide municipalities with aggregate information every three months on the amount and type of goods transported through the jurisdiction.

Any other companies transporting dangerous goods must provide yearly updates.

"We recognize the responsibilities of all parties involved in maintaining safe railway

transportation in Canada," said Minister Raitt. "Our government remains committed to two-way dialogue and information exchange with key transportation stakeholders in communities across Canada. We are demonstrating that today with the issuance of this protective direction."

Katrina Martin, a spokesperson for Transport Canada, said the protective direction which will be in place for three years or until the minister cancels it to allow time for development of permanent regulations, responds to concerns brought forward by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. She added it also supports emergency planners and first responders with their response training and action plans.

Transport Canada recognizes the responsibilities of all parties involved in maintaining safe transportation in Canada. Including provinces, territories, municipalities and industry," she stated in a press release.

"We continue to engage in two-way dialogue and information exchange with key transportation stakeholders in communities across Canada. We will come input from municipal leaders in this process and are demonstrating that with the issuance of this protective direction."

"Today's announcement is welcome news for Canadian communities," said Claude Dauphin, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

"It sends a clear message that the Government of Canada fully agrees that local governments need to know basic information about dangerous goods being transported through their communities."

Debbie Cunningham, who has shared concerns about emergency vehicles being unable to get where they are needed because of the train tracks, said the new rules don't go far enough.

"It's not going to change anything, (because) they don't need to tell them ahead of time," she said.

"They won't know until after the fact if there are new chemicals being transported through town."

BECOMING A
ECOTOURIST

High River Times
With handing adding millions of dollars to the international economy, one local biologist is hoping the Town of High River adopts his five-point ecotourism plan that could turn the community into an international birding destination.

Greg Wagner, senior wildlife biologist with Alberta Environment, originally brought his proposal forward to the Town of High River this past April.

"Birders tend to be better educated, well-heeled and more willing to travel," he said, town council in April.

"Birding is the fastest growing recreational activity in North America."

Before the flood, Wagner asked the Town of High River to declare all or part of the Hughes-Mercer lands as a publicly accessible nature reserve.

In addition, he asked that the town work alongside his group to identify suitable viewing areas for the Great Blue Heron colony and Bald Eagle nests in the town's north end.

Wagner also requested that the town work with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources Development (ABSRD) to establish management plans for the species.

"High River has these incredible natural resources with the riparian popular for birds in town," said Wagner in a recent interview. "We have the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary 10 in town, just in terms of area."

Wagner hopes to enhance birding opportunities in the town by establishing nesting platforms and nest boxes in existing natural areas.

Finally, his plan calls for

the development of an ecotourism marketing plan, which would identify High River and its surrounding area as a birding destination. While the town was seriously affected by floods, Wagner said he believes his pitch has a lot to offer High River from an economic stimulus point of view.

"Put together an ecotourism plan for the town, which I think has greater significance now, because I think this is an emerging market," he explained.

High River offers great birding opportunities, according to Wagner, but Frank Lake, located 7.5 kilometres east of town, is becoming an international birding destination.

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We'll have more November photos in next week's edition as well.



The Mo Fire Breathing Bros not only kept their upper lips warm, but also collected money to fight prostate cancer.



Dave Foster was owning his November look by the end of the month.



Rick Thomson got serious about growing his moustache for November.

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**Leona
Beatrice Banta**
(nee Salisbury)
May 21, 1934 -
November 10, 2013

With her family by her side Leona passed peacefully in her sleep at the Bethany Care Center in Calgary, Alberta where she lived for the past two years as she fought a courageous battle against Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Born in Calgary, Alberta, the first of three children to Lee and Letha Salisbury and raised in Dog Pound, Alberta. In 1951, she married Jim Burton and lived in the Water Valley, Alberta area where they had six children before separating. In 1969, Leona married Jack Banta and moved to the Back Creek area where she lived, farmed and worked until retiring to Edgewood, BC. There she made many friends and enjoyed her later years among the roses in her garden.

Former loved and sadly missed, she is survived by her children: Pat (Darlene), Jan (Dorothy), Everett (Dale), Margaret, Verna, Ed (Kathy), and Sharon (Shawn); grandchildren: Lesanne, Amber, Lee, Emmitt, Calvin, Emily, Adrienne, Amanda, Laura, Coleman, Karl and Karina; great grandchildren: Zachary, Jordan and Shelby; sister Peggy; numerous relatives and many friends. She was predeceased by her parents and brother Ronald.

Cremation has taken place with no formal funeral service to be held. However there will be a celebration of life on May 18, 2014 at the Hill residence located at 31111 Range Road 60 near Tomahawk, Alberta. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WORDEN CHRISTINE DORIS

December 20, 1922 - November 26, 2013

Christine passed away in Drayton Valley at the age of 90 years, 11 months. She was born in Corvallis, Alberta and was predeceased by her husband, Jack Worden, after 56 years of marriage. Christine is survived by her son Jack and his family of Tomahawk and her son Derek and his family of Calgary. Mom was teaching school at the age of eighteen. Her first teaching position was in Estevan, Alberta and her last was at Tomahawk, Alberta. Through those years, she touched and influenced the lives of many children and young adults. In her retirement years she continued to be a substitute teacher and to volunteer at the Hospital Auxiliary and the Drayton Valley Thrift Shop. She took great joy in cooking, gardening, discussion (in almost any area) and extended family get togethers. Mom lived a long life and her family has been blessed to have had her wisdom and guidance.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Drayton Valley Lutheran Church, 4004 - 50th Ave., Drayton Valley, AB on Saturday, December 7 at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

Obituaries



**Daniel Wood
"Woods"**

passed away in Donalda on November 18th, 2013. Dan and Gwen moved to Drayton Valley in 2003 and had recently moved to Donalda when their journey with ALS began.

Dan is survived by his loving wife Gwen of Donalda, his son Dylan (Heidi) of Calgary and Griffiths of Corvallis and their children Michael, Damien, and Emma, his brother Bill (Carol) Dabbe of Kelowna, his sister Helen Vankoughnet of Edmonton and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Dan was pre-deceased by his father Bill Wood, his mother Lena Wood, and his brother Jack Dabbe and his brother-in-law Reg Vankoughnet. He was a truly great man.

Funeral services were held at 2 PM Friday, November 22, 2013. Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Society. To send condolences go to www.stellertfuneralhome.com

Stellert Funeral Home & Crematorium assisted with the care and funeral arrangements. 403-742-3422

Justina "Jessie" Fehr

August 13, 1914 - November 24, 2013

Jessie will be dearly missed by her children, grand children, great grandchildren and many friends. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service was held on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 2:00 pm at the Kingdom Hall.

If friends so desire memorial donations may be made to the Kingdom Hall, Drayton Valley.

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In Memoriam

Vi Koehnstedt

Vi Koehnstedt will be remembered by the people and colleagues whose lives she touched through her work on the many boards and committees she served on, including Drayton Valley & District Historical Society Museum, Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store, Visions Pickup Arts Society, 55+ Recreation Center Communities in Bloom as well as those she met through her many hours volunteering with various groups and organizations.

Vi's example of volunteerism has inspired many to give back to their community. Her efforts and enthusiasm will be missed.

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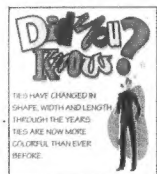
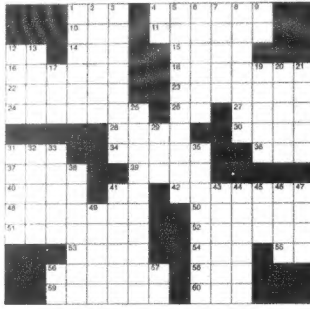


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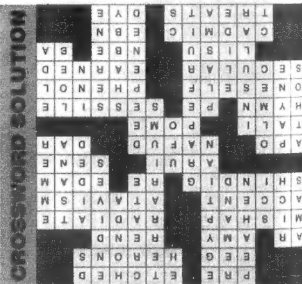


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1. Indicates before
37. Scree (plural)
10. Brain activity test
11. Wading birds
12. Atomic #18
14. Writer Tan
15. Tear
16. An unfortunate accident
18. Send out rips
22. Emphatic
23. Gentle throwback
24. A large and noisy party
26. With reference to
27. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
28. Avoided
30. 100 = 1 tale in W. Sarson
31. Military mailbox
34. No. Saudi Arabian desert

CLUES DOWN

1. Female peafowl
2. Return to custody
3. Citizen of Cairo
4. What was that?
5. Gardens in fishbowl
6. Cause to be or to become
7. Civic or Accord
8. Chorinea
9. Set of data
12. Fan-based music awards
13. Wealthy
17. — "Star Trek" genre
19. Helped
20. Blue Nile source (alt. sp.)
21. Search wheat
25. Breakfast citrus
29. Flying saucer
31. Monastic Republic Mount
32. "Miracle on 34th Street" actor John
33. Ancient C. American people
35. Dog lower
38. Restored in outlook
41. Liquid body substance
43. Ragged
44. Ungratified
45. Hostility
46. Leopard's crime partner
47. Spanish footwear museum city
49. Sur or in pronunciations
56. Constitution state
57. Atomic #55



HOROSCOPES

ARIES Mar 21-Apr 20
Aries: Aries you plan for the time being. A number of unexpected tasks that will require your undivided attention in the coming day. Use your own schedule.

Taurus Apr 21-May 21
Taurus: The role of the strong and silent type this week. Taurus: You do not have to share your opinions with everyone, as in an act of mystery may have your popularity.

GEMINI May 22-Jun 21
Gemini: Aries may be able to tolerate to tolerate your logic. Gemini: But you need to be patient and not allow excitement to interfere with the tasks at hand. This is a week for results.

CANCER Jun 22-Jul 22
Cancer: A happy weekend at the office may give you some ideas to do much else. However, don't pass up the opportunity when a social engagement becomes this week.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 23
Leo: You will have to continue your other tasks this week, even when you start to feel tired. Fortunately, you are excited about some of it. Things are going well.

VIRGO Aug 24-Sep 22
Virgo: Getting involved with the right people now opens doors that previously have been closed to you. Do not squander the opportunity to use these new contacts.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 23
Libra: conflicting emotions arise in the week ahead. You have the desire to follow people's expectations of you, but you also want your own sense of direction.

SCORPIO Oct 24-Nov 22
Scorpio: maintaining your focus on others is nearly impossible this week, when you are easily distracted by anything else that sounds interesting. Try to get your work done.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23-Dec 21
Sagittarius: your priorities, Sagittarius. Doing so will help you live up to your end of the bargain or various commitments. If necessary, ask others for help.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 20
Capricorn: Expect to be busy for the rest of the month. Capricorn: With potential holiday celebrations and holiday tasks to complete, your resources are low and for business.

AQUARIUS Jan 21-Feb 18
Aquarius: keeping a new skill this week will only add to your already vast repertoire of abilities. This is one more reason to have a positive attitude.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20
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Cheryl Gillespie
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It's hard to believe it's time to think about the Christmas tree, but it's true. The Christmas season is upon us.

Glitzy, glamorous, fabulous decorations, fragrant pine scents, fresh holly boughs, mistletoe, yards of exquisite ribbon, twinkling lights, candles and garland will soon adorn our homes. Let's make this year the most stylish to date.

Let's begin the Christmas magic with the tree. The Christmas tree is considered the symbol of life during the gloomy winter months. The trend is going back to real trees, so before going out to purchase your tree (or trees as many of us are using more than one at home, whether we are grouping them together for great impact or staging the home with trees in a variety of high-impact locations), measure the ceiling height and the floor area where the tree will be placed. You do not want to guess on the size.

As the Christmas tree becomes the focal point of your room, do not be afraid to rearrange your furniture to take advantage of the view and be sure to purchase as large a tree as possible to properly fill the space.

If you are purchasing a live tree, carefully examine the tree for freshness. The tree should be a rich, dark green colour and the stump of the tree should be wet and sticky, as this is a sign that the tree is freshly cut. Another good freshness test is to hold the tree by the trunk and tap the stump on the ground. Some needles will fall off, but if needles continue to fall after two or three taps, the tree is too dry. When you get the tree home, re-cut the stump and place in water within an hour to ensure longevity.

With the tree in place, it is time to determine your Christmas style. Choose a Christmas style that suits your home and existing décor.

In an elegant, traditionally decorated home, try a monochromatic

matic colour scheme of navy or ivory, accented with silver or copper. A fruit theme or motif works well in this setting. Try using silver and gold apples, pears and sugared grape clusters, surrounded by beautiful glass ornaments, and velvet or lace ribbon woven throughout your tree.

Visit an architectural clearing centre or flea market in search of an old chandelier. The hanging crystals make beautiful ornaments.

For a country Christmas, deck the tree with plaid or burlap ribbon, real pinecones and picks of faux red berries, bundles of cinnamon sticks and antique-looking wooden ornaments.

For a contemporary-styled Christmas, try glass hand-blown ornaments in bright colours or clear glass. Weave yards of silver ribbon and pearlized mesh throughout the tree. Oversized silk flowers also are a great addition when randomly placed within the boughs of the tree.

A Zen-styled tree can be filled with pewter or copper dragonflies, silk lotus flower, and mini paper lanterns.

Use yards of luxurious fabrics such as velvet, silk or taffeta to wrap your tree base, or plant the tree in a terracotta pot, Chinese urn, wooden barrel or attractive container. Cover the dirt with a layer of Spanish moss, pinecones, oranges, tumbled glass chips or polished rocks - whatever is in tune to your Christmas style. An easy skirt is to purchase a cosy throw and cut a hole in the centre for the stump to fit through and voilà, a no-sew tree skirt.

Mini lights in a single colour are more sophisticated than larger or multi-coloured lights. String lights from top to bottom carefully, in hide strands among the branches and to illuminate the interior of the tree. An average six-foot tree will require 660



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From the fireplace mantel to the decorated tree in the living room, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Ornaments will help to create the mood and theme of your Christmas décor. Use your imagination to design a one-of-a-kind tree. Get inspired by books, movies, memories, hobbies, colours and textures. If this is your first tree, start out with ornaments in one or two colours. Perhaps all gold or all silver. Remember to hang ornaments and ribbons throughout the tree boughs and not just on the ends.

Continue your Christmas style and theme throughout the house. Fill a platter or bowl with a pine or cedar boughs and some ornaments for a coffee or dining table centerpiece.

The fireplace is not only the perfect spot to hang your stockings but it also serves as a focal point within the room. Take down the mirror or picture that normally stands guard above the fireplace and replace it with a wreath of fresh boughs or pine garland, weave in a string of battery-operated lights, and

ribbon, then decorate the mantel with ornaments and tall pillar candles. Use your glue gun to attach a flat ornament to the front of each candle.

This season's stockings are not just the traditional red velvet with fur trimming. Use faux furs, silks, damask or scraps of leftover fabric from drapery or upholstery to make Christmas stockings. Change the shape and fabric to suit your holiday style and theme.

For example, rustic, charming, country Christmas is fun with leather stockings. Traditional themes are festive with court jester-styled stockings, a glamorous Hollywood-styled Christmas stocking can be sewn from white faux or real fur. Homeland stockings are red, white and blue, contemporary stockings are transparent and sewn from sheer, iridescent fabrics. Zen-styled stockings are opulent when sewn with traditional patterned silks and decorated with crystal beads.

Candlelight plays an important role throughout the festive season. Turn ordinary pillar candles into holiday masterpieces by adding a pretty holly ribbon and a few holly berries to the candle's base. For larger arrangements, try grouping five to seven pillar candles on a piece of mirror or a silver tray lined with fresh holly leaves and red berries. Add a few drops of your favourite Christmas-scented aromatherapy oil at the base of the wick for real 'scent' style. Christmas is just not Christmas without the romantic glow of candlelight.

Nothing says happy holidays better than a home that glows with an abundance of good-will, holiday cheer and warmth. Merry Christmas and may your holiday décor be fabulous!

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homes

What's old is new again

Building envelope retrofits increase your comfort

Steve Jacques
Special to QMI Agency

If your house was built in the 1960s or 1970s, you likely have many options available to you to make it more energy efficient and reduce your utility costs.

Among these is to add insulation to the roof and exterior walls as well as to the basement foundation walls and floor slab. You can also consider upgrading your home's windows and doors in addition to sealing cracks, leaks and holes. These retrofits will help reduce heat losses in winter and heat gains in summer. Your comfort levels will go up and your energy bills down.

A house constructed in the 1960s or 1970s can lose a great deal of heat through air leakage. One of the most cost-effective ways of reducing your heating costs is to improve the airtightness of your home by sealing cracks, holes and gaps in the building envelope. Doing this is not only relatively inexpensive, but highly effective at reducing energy loss and reducing drafts.

Common spots where air leakage can take place include electrical boxes, plumbing, wiring and ducts that run through exterior walls or into the attic, around chimneys and exhaust fans in attic spaces, and where the first floor joists meet on the foundation wall. Windows

and doors with worn or missing gaskets and weatherstripping or those that are not well-sealed to the surrounding walls are also locations of air leaks. Depending on the size of the gaps, caulking, spray-applied foam insulation or gaskets can be used to seal things up.

The 1960s/70s house also tends to be lightly insulated compared to newer houses. In the attic, a layer of insulation was typically placed over top of the ceiling drywall. It can be relatively easy to top up the existing insulation by layering on new batts or blowing more loose-fill insulation. Be careful not to block any existing attic ventilation baffles at the eaves that are needed to allow air into the attic from the soffits.

The above-grade walls in this type of house are typically wood frame, and there may be fiberglass batt insulation in the stud cavity. To increase the insulation values in the exterior walls, the existing interior drywall and polyethylene can be removed and a new second row of wood framing installed. Insulation and a new polyethylene vapour retarder and air barrier can then be added to the new wall, and the exterior drywall and polyethylene can be removed and a new second row of wood framing installed. Insulation and a new polyethylene vapour retarder and air barrier can then be added to the new wall, and the exterior drywall and polyethylene can be removed and a new second row of wood framing installed.

Replace existing single or double-glazed windows with double or triple-glazed windows that meet or exceed Energy Star rating for your location. Energy-efficient windows often have low-e coatings, argon-gas fill and low-conductivity insulating glass edge spacers. Replace the existing exterior doors with doors that have insulated cores. If you have archi-

tecturally significant doors you want to keep, consider adding storm doors to help block out the winter cold. It's important to provide good air sealing and water shedding features where new windows and doors sit in the wall assembly.

As part of your retrofit project, To learn more about increasing the energy efficiency of your 1960s or 1970s home, including the existing and optimum RSI-values (R-values) for each part of the building envelope, along with insights about vapour retarder and water penetration control, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has a fact sheet called *Energy Efficiency Building Envelope Retrofit* for 1960s and 1970s Two-Storey Houses. Download your free copy at www.cmhc.ca.

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